

REMARKS

Applicants' representative would like to thank Examiner deVore for the courtesies extended during a telephonic interview on April 13, 2005. During the interview, the Examiner clarified the rejection based on 35 U.S.C. § 102 as it pertains to now-cancelled Claims 39, 40, and 43.

Claims 48-104 are now pending in the application. By this amendment, Claims 2-11, 15-27, 34 and 36-47 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein and Claims 48-104 have been added. The basis for these new claims can be found throughout the specification, claims, and drawings originally filed. No new matter has been added. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action and are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 2-11, 15-27, 34, and 36-47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by O'Connell (U.S. Pat. No. 6,330,893 B1).

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is moot as Claims 2-11, 15-27, 34, and 36-47 have been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

NEW CLAIMS

New claims 48-104 are added for consideration.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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